

CITY OF SPRINGFIELD  
INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

ATTENTION OF Harry Criswell

DATE June 17, 1976

DEPARTMENT \_\_\_\_\_

Re: Oil Spill  
1100 Block St. Louis

I received a call at about 8:30 A.M. from Joe Buckner about an oil spill in the 1100 block St. Louis. Gary and myself responded and found that a quantity of some type of oil had been spilled in the alley just West of "Steak & Shake" at the base of an electric pole. This oil had travelled westerly on St. Louis via the south curb and gutter to the intersection of Hampton and St. Louis where a very small quantity entered the storm sewer.

I talked with a man at Carl's Conoco Service Station at 1130 St. Louis, probably the owner, who said "City Utilities" replaced a transformer last night on the pole mentioned above. Apparently, the faulty transformer was responsible for this oil spillage. It is my understanding that transformers are encased in oil for cooling purposes or insulation.(?)

City Utilities apparently did not call anyone about this spill. The man at the service station stated that "the City" had done nothing about it overnight and after observing several near auto accidents apparently called the Police Department, who then called Gene at the service center who then called Joe B.

I feel that a memo thru the proper channels to C.U. would be very beneficial in handling similar situations in the future, and help in avoiding adverse public opinion regarding "the City" and "City Utilities". Also, a bill for materials, equipment, and manpower used for control will be available.

(Joe B. said to contact Don Grisham, Right of way and claims department-C.U.)

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*Randy*  
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Inspector, Surveillance & Enforcement

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